

**MINUTES**  
**GRANBY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Monday, March 9, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairman Marty Schwager, Jim Caldwell, Rob Rome, Matt Garrett and Ken Kuhl. Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development was also in attendance.

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

The members discussed the minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting. On a motion by Ken Kuhl seconded by Rob Rome, the Commission approved the minutes. All approved.

The members discussed the recent sale of the Old Oak tavern/Good Life Grill. This is a very important property within the Town Center and the Commission was very pleased to know that it will soon be renovated and re-opened. The new owner also owns Han Asian Cuisine, 10 Hartford Avenue, which has a fabulous reputation and has been met with great enthusiasm and success. The Commission members continued their discussion with further thoughts on the Town Center. Fran discussed his recent meeting with CNG in regards to extending natural gas lines to the Town Center. Fran discussed the possible route that the lines might follow. He has reiterated to CNG the comments of local merchants who continually ask when gas will be available. Fran anticipates that CNG will undertake a survey of local businesses with the next few months.

The Commission discussed The Planning and Zoning Commission's denial of a proposed amendment to the Zoning Regulations, Section 3.12.5 Comprehensive Granby Center Zone Criteria. The members felt that an approval of the amendment would have provided for increased commercial development opportunities while aiding in the preservation of historic buildings. The PZC was not completely opposed to the amendment, but felt it was not ripe for approval. In that regard, they have agreed to form a committee to review, access and present finding in regards to the amendment.

Fran discussed the Center sidewalks and updated the Commission on the progress. The sidewalk development fits into the overall plan for the Center and the establishment of the area as a walkable community. The renovation of Holcomb Farm was discussed. It is anticipated that the new community building will be opened by Memorial Day. Fran discussed the progress and the various activities that are planned to date.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the recent announcement that the Town has received a FEMA grant for the installation of a generator to serve the Granby Middle School. The Middle School will now be available to function as an emergency shelter should a natural disaster occur. Fran explained the process that led to the approval.

The Commission would like to have its next meeting at the Peppermill Deli and Bakery at noon. Fran will work to set this up.  
The meeting ended at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Armentano  
Acting Recording Secretary